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April 5, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

WM. TIMOTHY ALLEN, III
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Re: HEARING APPLICATION
James Formation, Reservoir B
Spider Field
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 410595.0025

Dear Sir:

On behalf of ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY, application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the James Formation, Reservoir B, in the Spider Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create three (3) additional drilling and production units (to be designated as JAMES RB SUM, JAMES RB SUN, and JAMES RB SUO) for the James Formation, Reservoir B, in the Spider Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the plat attached hereto.
2. To force pool and unitize all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within said units, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for certain of the units to be created hereby.
4. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to extend the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 92-M-9, effective March 15, 2005, to the proposed units.
5. To consider such other matters and issue such orders as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

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The James Formation, Reservoir B, in the Spider Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 92-M-9, effective March 15, 2005.

By Pre-Application Notice dated March 23, 2006, applicant advised the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager and all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties of applicant's intention to apply for the hearing which is the subject of this application. Applicant received no request for a Pre-Application Conference, and accordingly, no such conference will be held.

Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company, 330 Marshall Street, Suite 1200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Kevin McMaster at (318)424-0804, during normal business hours or write Mr. McMaster at the above address, in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this notice, with the annexed plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure.

A check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

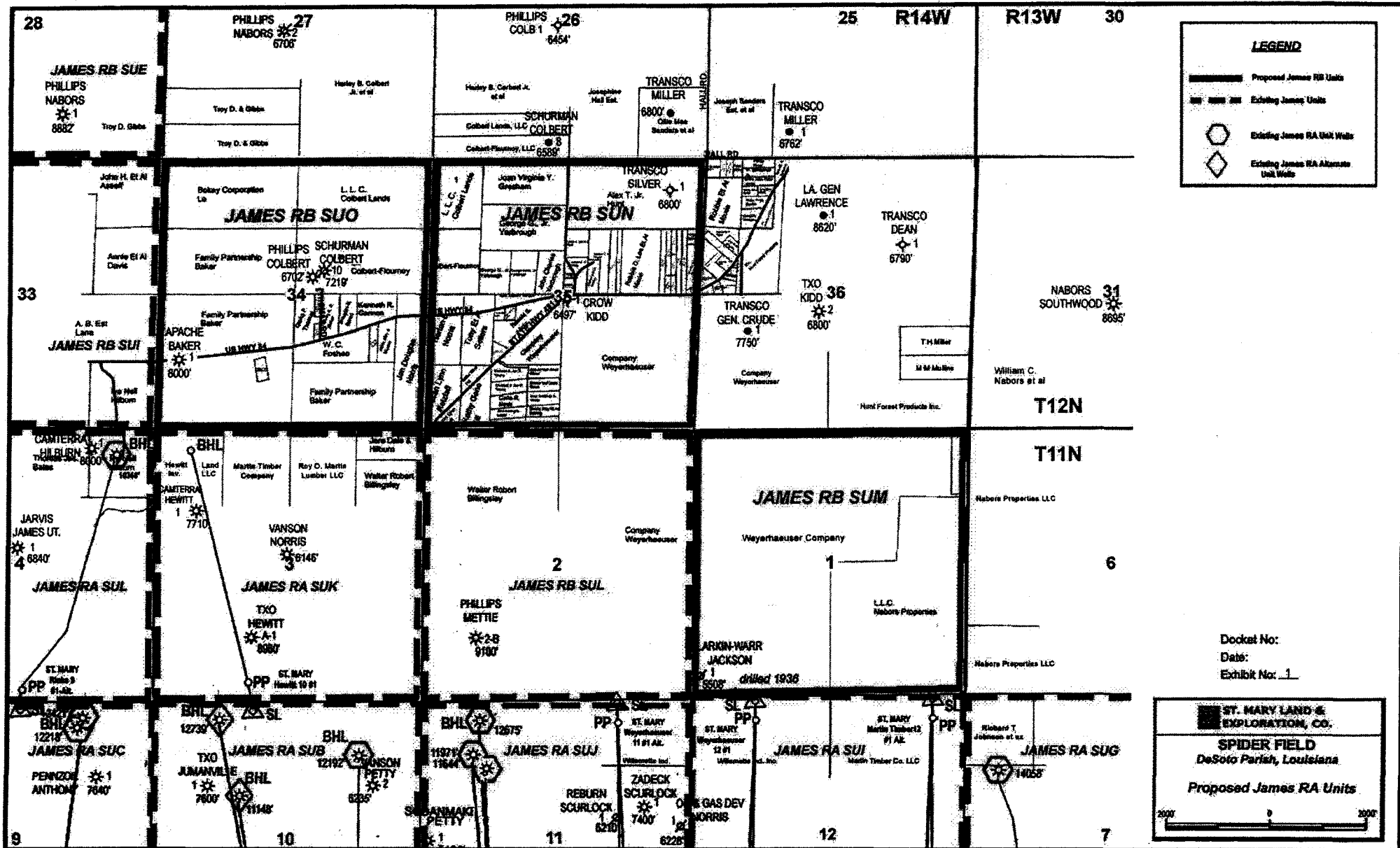
By: 

Wm. Timothy Allen III

Attorneys for St. Mary Land & Exploration Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager,
Office of Conservation (w/enclosures)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plat only)



LEGEND

- Proposed James RB Units
- Existing James Units
- Existing James RA Unit Wells
- Existing James RA Alternate Unit Wells

Docket No:
Date:
Exhibit No: 1

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION, CO.

SPIDER FIELD
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana

Proposed James RA Units

